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1. Kolobrzeg (Kolberg)

- a. WOP (Border Guard Force) control has been considerably strengthened since about the beginning of 1949. Patrols can be observed along the coast occasionally in the daytime, but they circulate much more frequently by night. The fishing basin in Kolobrzeg is patrolled twenty-four hours a day by WOP patrols composed of two men. Since the basin is comparatively small, the patrol can observe every small detail. There is always a patrol moving about on both banks of the canal which leads from the fishing basin to the sea. The control sentry box was moved in 1949 from the outlet of the basin to the coast itself, and it is placed so high that the three soldiers stationed there can see from their vantage point into every boat or fishing cutter entering port.
- b. Boats leaving for fishing must queue up along the western bank of the canal and sail up to the control box one after another. The crews must show their fishing documents (karty rybackie), and two of the soldiers at the control box carry out an inspection while the third enters the boat and its crew into a control book. Boats are subjected to less checking than are the cutters, which are very carefully searched.
- c. After the completion of the control procedure, the fishermen are handed back their documents and are allowed to sail out to sea. On their return, the control is less severe, but the same procedure is followed as for leaving the basin.
- d. When a ship enters a canal, it is not allowed to sail near either bank but must proceed along the middle, and from the moment it enters the canal, two WOP patrols accompany it, one on each side. After mooring, the ship is surrounded by WOP sentries, and other patrols come aboard to carry out a detailed search. After this, the ship is guarded by two sentries stationed ashore, one at either end. A third sentry is stationed opposite the ship on the other bank of the canal to see that no one swims across to the ship from that side.

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- c. [redacted] the Fishing Controller in Kolobrzeg, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
named Lipiecki, received a control and inspection trawler, which has an
oil-burning engine of approximately 30 HP.

2. Koszalin (Köslin)

- a. [redacted] the HQ of a WOP brigade is located at Koszalin. [redacted]
[redacted] no Polish soldiers except WOP men. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- b. No Soviet soldiers are to be seen in Koszalin. [redacted]
[redacted] a Soviet telephone patrol working near the cables
passing along the railroad bridge over the Prosna. 50X1-HUM

3. General

- a. WOP control has been reinforced in the above areas during the last two 50X1-HUM
months. Along the seashore observation towers have been erected and chain
patrolling has been introduced (i.e., one patrol can always see another).
Every individual stopped near the shore, unless personally known to one of
the members of a patrol, is taken to the watch tower for interrogation,
even if he has all his documents in perfect order. [redacted]
- b. [redacted]
- c. [redacted] at present there are no radio installations on any
of the trawlers, since all such installations were removed from fishing
craft for fear that intelligence information might be transmitted during
fishing trips.

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